

02 OCT 2006



United States Patent and Trademark Office

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

Stephen J. Rosenman
Seed Intellectual Property Law Group
701 5th Avenue
Suite 6300
Seattle WA 98104-7092

In re Application of
Gilbert et al.
Application No. 10/520,986
PCT No.: PCT/GB03/02962
Int. Filing Date: 09 July 2003
Priority Date: 10 July 2002
Atty. Docket No.: 310134.402USPC
For: Molecular Detector Arrangement

NOTIFICATION

This is in response to the correspondence filed on 27 September 2006.

DISCUSSION

In the Decision mailed on 08 September 2006, it was noted that the declaration originally filed on 27 July 2005 named "Xiao-Feng ZHOU" as the second inventor, whereas the published international application nominated "XHOU, Xiao-Feng" instead. The instant correspondence states that

the undersigned representative has verified that the proper spelling of the second inventor's name is indeed "Xiao-Feng XHOU." Any typographical errors that arose are on the part of the International Bureau at publication, insofar as Xiao-Feng XHOU's name was properly spelled in the PCT Request.

Based on counsel's assertion that the discrepancy in the inventor's name arose from a mere typographical error, the declaration filed on 27 July 2005 is being accepted.

It is noted that a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) was mailed on 15 September 2006, indicating that this international application had become abandoned with respect to the U.S. national stage for failure to timely reply to the Form PCT/DO/EO/905 mailed on 12 July 2005. In view of the Decision mailed on 08 September 2006, the Notification of Abandonment was inappropriate, and it is hereby **VACATED**.

CONCLUSION

The declaration filed on 27 July 2005 is **ACCEPTED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch for further processing. Its date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (2) and (4) is **27 July 2005**.

Boris Milef
Boris Milef
PCT Legal Examiner
Office of PCT Legal Administration

George M. Dombroske
George M. Dombroske
PCT Legal Examiner
Office of PCT Legal Administration
Tel: (571) 272-3283
Fax: (571) 273-0459